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For: MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND)	
METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE)	
PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID)	
ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
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Sir:

In connection with the above-captioned application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title of the invention to read --MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows: